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**PATENT**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

**In Re Application of:**

**Murray Edward Bruce Leighton**

**Application No.: 09/857,735**

**Filing Date: June 8, 2001**

**For: Plastic Bags And Methods Of Making Same**

**Confirmation No.: 9850**

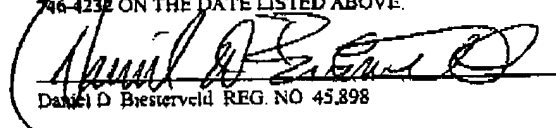
**Group Art Unit: 3727**

**Examiner: Joe Merek**

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DATE: April 25, 2003

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Transmitted herewith for filing in the above-identified patent application is:

- ☐ A Preliminary Amendment.
- ☐ An Amendment Responsive to the Office Action Dated .
- ☒ An Amendment Supplemental to the Paper filed April 7, 2003.
- ☐ Other: .
- ☒ Applicant(s) has previously claimed small entity status under 37 CFR § 1.27.
- ☐ Applicant(s) by its/their undersigned attorney, claims small entity status under 37 CFR § 1.27 as:

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- ☐ an Independent Inventor
- ☐ a Small Business Concern
- ☐ a Nonprofit Organization
- ☐ This application is no longer entitled to small entity status. It is requested that this be noted in the files of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office.
- ☐ Loss of Entitlement Enclosed
- ☐ Substitute Pages of the Specification are enclosed.
- ☐ An Abstract is enclosed.
- ☐ Sheets of Proposed Corrected Drawings are enclosed.
- ☐ A Certified Copy of each of the following applications: is enclosed.
- ☐ An Associate Power of Attorney is enclosed.
- ☐ Information Disclosure Statement.
  - ☐ Attached Form 1449.
  - ☐ A copy of each reference as listed on the attached Form PTO-1449 is enclosed herewith.
- ☐ Appended Material as follows:
- ☐ Other Material as follows:

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- ☐ A check in the amount of \$ .00 is attached. Please charge any deficiency or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account 23-3050.
- ☐ Petition is hereby made under 37 CFR § 1.136(a) (fees: 37 CFR § 1.17(a)(1)-(4) to extend the time for response to the Office Action of to and through comprising an extension of the shortened statutory period of month(s).
- ☒ The Commissioner is hereby requested to grant an extension of time for the appropriate length of time, should one be necessary, in connection with this filing or any future filing submitted to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office in the above-identified application during the pendency of this application. The Commissioner is further authorized to charge any fees related to any such extension of time to Deposit Account 23-3050. This sheet is provided in duplicate.
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